September 15, 2015

Dear Principal Roberts:

I am the parent of Annabella Diefenbacher. She is in first grade in Ms. Smith’s class. She is the only child in this class that is Deaf. I’m concerned about Annabella in this class because of her disability.

Annabella has told me multiple times that she feels isolated in the classroom. She told me that she is not allowed to use sign language. This is hard for Annabella because sign language is the only way that she knows how to communicate. Because talking is such a big part of school, Annabella feels left out of the group. It is really hard for her to make friendships. Also because she is not allowed to use her signing, she cannot fully participate in class because she cannot communicate with others.

The ways that we could try and get Annabella involved in class could be to get her an interpreter. If there was an interpreter available for her, she would be able to communicate through the interpreter to her classmates. Also maybe the first grade class could make sign language part of their curriculum. That way Annabella doesn’t feel like an outcast because she uses her hands to communicate.

Could you please contact me to discuss how we could help resolve the issues Annabella is feeling in school?

Sincerely,

Jenna Diefenbacher

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